

1	2	3
Rajasthan	18	-
Sikkim	1	-
Tripura	0	-
Delhi	22	-
Goa, Daman and Diu	14	-
Mizoram	0	-
Arunachal Pradesh	0	-
Manipur	0	-
A and N Islands	0	-
Chandigarh	1	-
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	2	-
Pondicherry	7	-
Indian EEZ	2	-

(* There are seven Export Processing Zones in the country at Kandla (Gujarat), Santacruz (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

[English]

Production of Cement

4272. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cement factories in the country are facing difficulties in the production of cement for export purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up cement plants in various parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). While the Indian cement industry is fully capable of producing cement of exportable quality, cement factories have been facing problems like inadequate availability of infrastructure at ports for storage, bulk handling and transportation, high cost of transportation from the factory to the port, unattractive international prices and difficulty in moving cement/clinker to Bangladesh by land route through rail and road.

(c) After interaction with the cement industry, the concerned administrative Ministries have already been apprised of the problem for appropriate remedial action. Railway are allocating wagons on priority for export of

cement plants to set up dedicated jetties wherever possible for facilitating export.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Water Supply Projects

4273. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of water supply and drainage projects in the country, State-wise, particularly in tribal areas of Gujarat which have been provided with financial assistance by Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation and other Government Financial Institutions during the last three years;

(b) the details of the amount of financial assistance sanctioned and released by each of these corporations/financial institutions during the above period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance given by these financial institutions for the purpose during the current year till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Photo Identity Cards

4274. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the matter of preparing Photo Identity cards of the voters in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States where progress pertaining to pre-paration of Photo Identity cards is very slow or negligible;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix a time-limit for preparation of photo identity cards in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). A Statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d). The Election Commission had originally fixed 30th November, 1994 as the deadline for completion of the scheme of issue of identity cards to electors. This deadline was, however, extended from time to time and was last extended upto 31st March, 1996. No fresh deadline has yet been laid by the Commission.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Name of State/ Union Territories	Percentage of electors provided with Identity Cards till June 1996
States		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.67
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	60.11
3.	Assam	Nil
4.	Bihar	14.63
5.	Goa	60.28
6.	Gujarat	69.50
7.	Haryana	81.50
8.	Himachal Pradesh	59.98
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Scheme not yet Introduced
10.	Karnataka	54.41
11.	Kerala	Work not yet Started
12.	Madhya Pradesh	35.61
13.	Maharashtra	77.44
14.	Manipur	74.14
15.	Meghalaya	74.26
16.	Mizoram	Work not yet Started
17.	Nagaland	Nil
18.	Orissa	64.89
19.	Punjab	67.43
20.	Rajasthan	63.31
21.	Sikkim	71.59
22.	Tamil Nadu	Nil
23.	Tripura	26.06
24.	Uttar Pradesh	32.04
25.	West Bengal	64.21
Union Territories		
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	80.97
27.	Chandigarh	65.30
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	32.29
29.	Daman and Diu	58.50
30.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	62.54
31.	Lakshadweep	82.85
32.	Pondicherry	85.48

Export of Agricultural Items

4275. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the possibilities of exporting agricultural products from Uttar Pradesh and also their sales in the international market have been ascertained;

(b) the details of the other States in which such possibilities have been ascertained during the last three years and the achievements made so far in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to explore such possibilities for the remaining States;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No specific study for determining possibilities of export of agricultural products from Uttar Pradesh and their sales in the international market has been conducted so far. However, some of the agricultural products identified for exports from Uttar Pradesh are rice, mangoes, litchies, spices and fresh vegetables.

(b) No study for ascertaining the possibilities of exports of agricultural products from other States have been undertaken during the last three years.

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. Government of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh have sought financial assistance from Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for conducting surveys to ascertain export potential of agricultural products. A proposal to conduct a survey of export of agricultural products from the North Eastern Region is under consideration of APEDA.

[English]

Infrastructure Development Finance Company

4276. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken so far to establish an Infrastructure Development Finance Company as announced during presentation of Budget 1996-97;

(b) the details of the composition of such Finance Company;

(c) the details of guidelines laid down for investment by this Finance Company;

(d) whether the Government propose to merge the State owned Power Finance Corporations with the above Finance Company;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the objective likely to be achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). As a follow up of the Budget announcement for 1996-97, a Working Group under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary (Banking) was constituted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to work out the modalities for setting up of the Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC). Further